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MISSOURI AREA LABOR TRENDS

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS – DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

INCLUDES CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES FOR ALL AREAS PLUS LABOR MARKET REVIEWS FOR THE STATE, AND THE ST. LOUIS, KANSAS CITY AND SPRINGFIELD SMSA'S

MISSOURI LABOR MARKET REVIEW

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Unemployment in Missouri continued to drop sharply in May, falling by more than 20,000 from April's level to 170,600. The unemployment rate dropped nine-tenths of a percentage point to 7.1 percent, the lowest it has been since September 1981. At the same time, employment continued to climb, although at a slower rate than in the previous month. The number of employed Missourians is estimated as 2,235,000 in May, up by 28,600 from the April figure. The labor force increased by about 7800 to 2,405,700. Both total employment and the labor force have now exceeded their pre-recession peaks.

A year-to-year comparison reveals the striking change which has taken place since May 1983. In that 12 month period, total employment grew by 103,300, while unemployment decreased by 70,600. Together these movements have produced a growth in the labor force of 32,700, which is moderate in comparison to the growth experienced in earlier recoveries. The relatively small net entry to the labor force has facilitated the unusually rapid drop in unemployment which has occurred during this recovery.

Estimated growth in the number of nonfarm payroll jobs continues to be substantially slower than total employment growth. Between April and May, nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 14,600 jobs to 1,963,200. Most of this growth was accounted for by seasonal increases in construction, retail trade, and services. This measure of employment continues well below its peak reached in 1979.

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STATEWIDE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
5-YEAR HISTORICAL SERIES

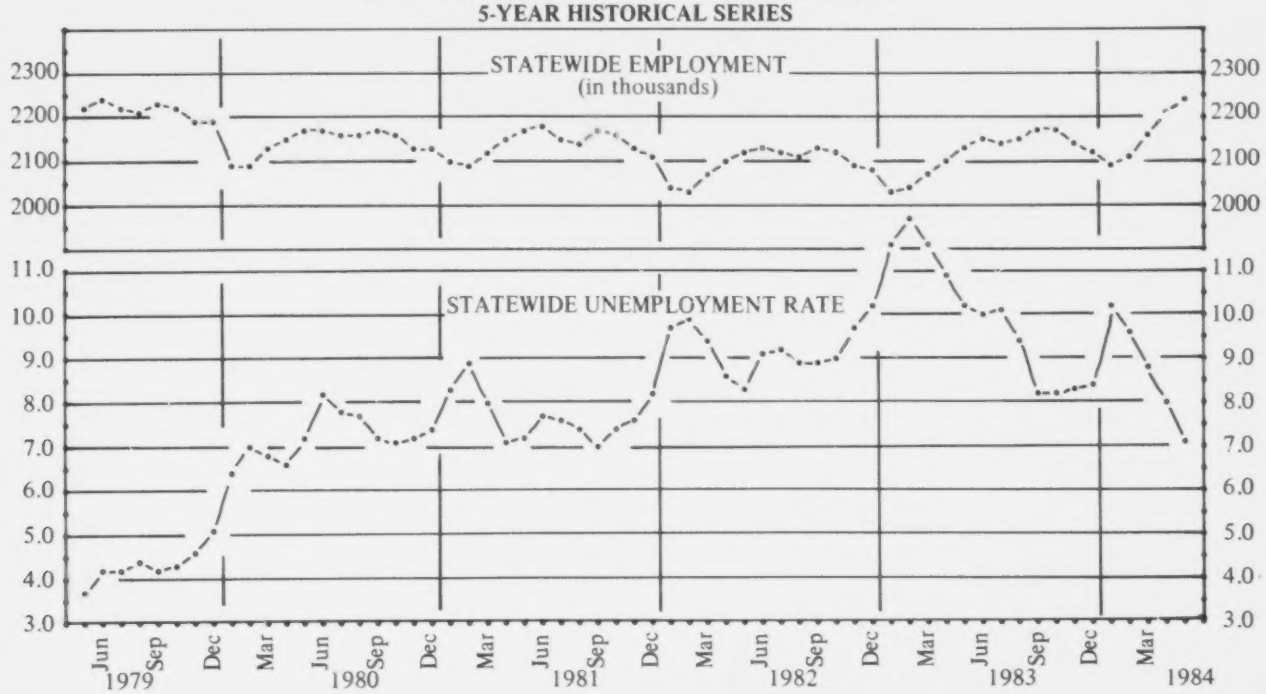

TABLE 1

MISSOURI DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - ESTIMATES

COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - MAY 1984 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - APR 1984 (REVISED)				ONE YEAR AGO - MAY 1983 (BENCHMARKED 1983)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
STATEWIDE	2405684	2235042	170642	7.1	2397888	2206483	191405	8.0	2372976	2131701	241275	10.2
ST. LOUIS SMSA	1166540	1072761	93779	8.0	1162941	1060080	102861	8.8	1150619	1023550	127069	11.0
KANSAS CITY SMSA	696214	658322	37892	5.4	693504	651457	42047	6.1	690589	633018	57571	8.3
SPRINGFIELD SMSA	114013	107934	6079	5.3	115183	108482	6701	5.8	113075	103857	9218	8.2
COLUMBIA SMSA	59817	57606	2211	3.7	59639	57050	2589	4.3	56380	53158	3222	5.7
JOPLIN SMSA	59584	55288	4296	7.2	59188	54862	4326	7.3	58123	52565	5558	9.6
ST. JOSEPH SMSA	46162	42357	3805	8.2	46747	42423	4324	9.2	46579	41452	5127	11.0
ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA	17032	15887	1145	6.7	17076	15713	1363	8.0	16673	15400	1273	7.6
ATCHISON	4607	4134	473	10.3	4558	3986	572	12.5	5188	4999	189	3.6
AUDRAIN	11304	10533	851	7.5	11258	10368	890	7.9	11362	9934	1428	12.6
BARRY	11552	10878	674	5.8	11374	10577	797	7.0	11545	10431	1114	9.6
BARTON	5202	4986	216	4.2	5145	4918	227	4.4	4969	4651	318	6.4
BATES	7689	7185	504	6.6	7714	7153	561	7.3	7660	7063	597	7.8
BENTON	5321	4930	391	7.3	5332	4784	548	10.3	5448	4921	527	9.7
BOLLINGER	3225	2732	493	15.3	3264	2610	654	20.0	3288	2613	675	20.5
BUTLER	16757	14830	1927	11.5	16679	14651	2028	12.2	16083	13653	2430	15.1
CALDWELL	3749	3527	222	5.9	3742	3444	298	8.0	3782	3482	300	7.9
CALLAWAY	20218	18834	1384	6.8	20646	19225	1421	6.9	21284	19465	1819	8.5
CAMDEN	13530	12814	716	5.3	12660	11680	980	7.7	12172	11320	852	7.0
CAPE GIRARDEAU	31573	29697	1876	5.9	31384	29455	1929	6.1	31298	28384	2914	9.3
CARROLL	4757	4401	356	7.5	4745	4270	475	10.0	4716	4281	435	9.2
CARTER	2952	2706	246	8.3	3017	2693	324	10.7	2886	2556	330	11.4
CEDAR	4599	4281	318	6.9	4589	4189	400	8.7	4306	3852	454	10.5
CHARITON	5039	4758	281	5.6	4977	4660	317	6.4	4807	4435	372	7.7
CLARK	3318	3010	308	9.3	3291	2932	359	10.9	3519	2992	527	15.0
CLINTON	7551	7169	382	5.1	7596	7080	516	6.8	7424	6825	599	8.1
COLE/OSAGE LMA	37090	34771	2319	6.3	36914	34303	2611	7.1	36238	33422	2816	7.8
COOPER	6853	6508	345	5.0	6951	6424	527	7.6	7213	6694	519	7.2
CRAWFORD	7687	7008	679	8.8	7692	6932	760	9.9	7642	6733	909	11.9
DADE	3926	3778	148	3.8	3857	3678	179	4.6	3719	3475	244	6.6
DALLAS	4638	4247	391	8.4	4553	4095	458	10.1	4722	4151	571	12.1
DAVIESS	3198	2962	236	7.4	3211	2852	359	11.2	3083	2714	369	12.0
DEKALB	3377	3196	181	5.4	3375	3107	268	7.9	3301	3024	277	8.4
DENT	5935	5234	701	11.8	6084	5401	683	11.2	6366	5442	924	14.5
DOUGLAS	4773	4371	402	8.4	4704	4272	432	9.2	4589	4088	501	10.9
DUNKLIN	13567	12000	1567	11.6	13444	11688	1756	13.1	13875	11168	2707	19.5
GASCONADE	7248	6873	367	5.1	7091	6631	460	6.5	6794	6236	558	8.2
GENTRY	4194	3960	234	5.6	4066	3829	237	5.8	4260	4032	228	5.4
GRUNDY	5313	4887	426	8.0	5244	4765	479	9.1	5340	4749	591	11.1
HARRISON	5148	4853	295	5.7	5131	4710	421	8.2	4927	4650	277	5.6
HENRY	9486	8930	556	5.9	9363	8666	697	7.4	9439	8628	811	8.6
HICKORY	2423	2224	199	8.2	2392	2128	264	11.0	2344	2143	201	8.6
HOLT	3513	3319	194	5.5	3372	3124	248	7.4	3413	3218	195	5.7
HOWARD	4775	4537	238	5.0	4809	4491	318	6.6	4631	4241	390	8.4
HOWELL	13698	12482	1216	8.9	13583	12238	1345	9.9	13045	11524	1521	11.7
IRON	4611	4018	593	12.9	4575	3813	762	16.7	4696	4037	659	14.0
JOHNSON	16771	15962	809	4.8	16557	15782	775	4.7	15407	14442	965	6.3
KNOX	2526	2299	227	9.0	2549	2244	305	12.0	2547	2295	252	9.9
LACLEDE	11338	10452	886	7.8	11361	10460	901	7.9	10974	10022	952	8.7
LAFAYETTE	14686	13853	833	5.7	14728	13773	955	6.5	14701	13305	1396	9.5
LAWRENCE	12557	11599	958	7.6	12604	11492	1112	8.8	11876	10710	1166	9.8

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LEWIS	5656	5099	557	9.8	5602	4969	633	11.3	5551	4629	922	16.6
LINCOLN	10207	9332	875	8.6	10214	9149	1065	10.4	10354	9328	1026	9.9
LINN	7917	7369	548	6.9	7968	7275	693	8.7	8358	7182	1176	14.1
LIVINGSTON	6937	6204	733	10.6	6921	6159	762	11.0	7024	6297	727	10.4
MACON	7193	6691	502	7.0	7067	6471	596	8.4	6853	6176	677	9.9
MADISON	3861	3412	449	11.6	3888	3342	546	14.0	4072	3391	681	16.7
MARIES	2622	2388	234	8.9	2658	2377	281	10.6	2861	2465	396	13.8
MARION/RALLS LMA	18655	16983	1672	9.0	18490	16540	1950	10.5	18699	16499	2200	11.8
MCDONALD	5793	5356	437	7.5	5737	5258	479	8.3	5666	5060	606	10.7
MERCER	1902	1797	105	5.5	1922	1741	181	9.4	1854	1772	82	4.4
MILLER	11026	10133	893	8.1	10740	9567	1173	10.9	10599	9482	1117	10.5
MISSISSIPPI	6718	5889	829	12.3	6544	5691	853	13.0	6621	5665	956	14.4
MONITEAU	4929	4471	458	9.3	4953	4443	510	10.3	4780	4328	452	9.5
MONROE	4965	4677	288	5.8	4823	4493	330	6.8	4449	4059	390	8.8
MONTGOMERY	5464	5110	354	6.5	5515	5074	441	8.0	5434	4896	538	9.9
MORGAN	5961	5529	432	7.2	5923	5364	559	9.4	5816	5254	562	9.7
NEW MADRID	11618	10503	1115	9.6	11456	10299	1157	10.1	10716	9388	1328	12.4
NODAWAY	10797	10332	465	4.3	10766	10168	598	5.6	10733	10144	589	5.5
OREGON	3139	2749	390	12.4	3081	2714	367	11.9	3069	2636	433	14.1
OZARK	4304	3990	314	7.3	4210	3836	374	8.9	3945	3606	339	8.6
PEMISCOT	8407	7327	1080	12.8	8348	7214	1134	13.6	8462	6935	1527	18.0
PERRY	7161	6690	471	6.6	7142	6546	596	8.3	7089	6305	784	11.1
PETTIS	16711	15541	1170	7.0	16586	15176	1410	8.5	16283	14364	1919	11.8
PHELPS	15837	14678	1159	7.3	15881	14693	1188	7.5	15694	14206	1488	9.5
PIKE	7341	6564	777	10.6	7252	6367	885	12.2	7379	6429	950	12.9
POLK	9035	8544	491	5.4	8975	8468	507	5.6	8458	7682	776	9.2
PULASKI	9271	8525	746	8.0	9112	8367	745	8.2	8888	8046	842	9.5
PUTNAM	3147	2927	220	7.0	3091	2778	313	10.1	3135	2846	289	9.2
RANDOLPH	11913	11093	820	6.9	11824	10923	901	7.6	11385	10293	1092	9.6
REYNOLDS	2560	2145	415	16.2	2557	2099	458	17.9	2878	2178	700	24.3
RIPLEY	3346	2933	413	12.3	3358	2866	492	14.7	3460	2719	741	21.4
SALINE	14131	13441	690	4.9	14012	13230	782	5.6	13673	12696	977	7.1
SCOTLAND	2462	2320	142	5.8	2409	2226	183	7.6	2486	2287	199	8.0
SCOTT	17415	15689	1726	9.9	17601	15601	2000	11.4	18672	16088	2584	13.8
SHANNON	3301	2799	502	15.2	3359	2707	652	19.4	3086	2604	482	15.6
SHELBY	3279	3122	157	4.8	3290	3027	263	8.0	3275	3027	248	7.6
ST. CLAIR	3932	3655	277	7.0	3847	3536	311	8.1	3855	3566	289	7.5
ST. FRANCOIS	20230	18164	2066	10.2	20606	18269	2337	11.3	19976	17304	2672	13.4
STE. GENEVIEVE	5813	5241	572	9.8	5862	5223	639	10.9	5939	5307	632	10.6
STODDARD	12634	11331	1303	10.3	12876	11300	1576	12.2	12927	11213	1714	13.3
STONE	8651	7911	740	8.6	7404	6374	1030	13.9	8267	7446	821	9.9
SULLIVAN	3636	3366	270	7.4	3625	3264	361	10.0	3317	3075	242	7.3
TANEY	14933	13916	1017	6.8	13693	12155	1538	11.2	14266	13098	1168	8.2
TEXAS	8257	7360	897	10.9	8235	7246	989	12.0	7757	6725	1032	13.3
VERNON	9797	9267	530	5.4	9829	9196	633	6.4	9731	9136	595	6.1
WARREN	6360	5869	491	7.7	6341	5706	635	10.0	5931	5295	636	10.7
WASHINGTON	4621	3746	875	18.9	4735	3724	1011	21.4	5056	3535	1521	30.1
WAYNE	4417	3819	598	13.5	4486	3735	751	16.7	4052	3393	659	16.3
WEBSTER	7735	7130	605	7.8	7516	6756	760	10.1	7735	6672	1063	13.7
WORTH	1167	1075	92	7.9	1141	1048	93	8.2	1162	1031	131	11.3
WRIGHT	7704	6945	759	9.9	7712	6909	803	10.4	7092	6345	747	10.5

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TABLE 2. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT, HOURS AND EARNINGS
MISSOURI (STATEWIDE)
MAY, 1984

INDUSTRY TITLE	ALL EMPLOYEES (In Thousands)			PRODUCTION WORKERS								
				Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Total Non-Agri. Employment	1963.2	1948.6	1927.1									
Total Manufacturing	419.1	417.8	396.3	376.18	378.02	353.42	40.8	41.0	39.8	9.22	9.22	8.88
Durable Goods	237.3	236.2	218.1	422.68	426.12	395.09	42.1	42.4	40.9	10.04	10.05	9.66
Lumber & Wood Products	9.3	9.2	8.7	230.78	228.90	214.50	38.4	38.6	37.5	6.01	5.93	5.72
Furniture & Fixtures	9.0	9.1	8.5	282.46	286.10	278.00	38.8	39.3	40.0	7.28	7.28	6.95
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	10.9	10.8	10.8	429.68	439.56	393.33	42.5	42.8	41.1	10.11	10.27	9.57
Cement, Hydraulic	1.1	1.1	1.2	530.49	748.68	527.28	39.5	47.9	39.0	13.43	15.63	13.52
Structural Clay Prod.	2.3	2.3	2.2	451.98	441.28	426.49	40.5	39.4	39.6	11.16	11.20	10.77
Other Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	7.5	7.4	7.4	408.90	390.39	365.33	43.5	42.9	41.8	9.40	9.10	8.74
Primary Metal Industries	13.8	13.6	12.4	456.85	461.96	422.02	40.9	41.1	38.4	11.17	11.24	10.99
Iron & Steel Foundries	2.0	1.9	1.6	367.92	364.63	305.54	42.0	42.3	34.8	8.76	8.62	8.78
Non-Ferrous Foundries	2.7	2.7	2.4	329.26	349.02	300.70	40.8	42.0	38.9	8.07	8.31	7.73
Other Primary Metals	9.1	9.0	8.4	526.25	526.18	492.96	40.7	40.6	39.0	12.93	12.96	12.64
Fabricated Metal Products	28.9	28.5	26.8	389.06	395.12	387.32	41.7	41.9	40.9	9.33	9.43	9.47
Fabricated Structural Metal Prod.	10.0	9.7	10.0	373.77	384.17	379.20	41.3	41.0	40.0	9.05	9.37	9.48
Other Fabricated Metal Prod.	18.9	18.8	16.8									
Machinery Exc. Electrical	31.2	31.1	29.2	403.92	399.27	373.91	40.8	40.7	39.4	9.90	9.81	9.49
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	47.6	47.4	44.4	366.61	370.18	359.16	41.1	41.5	40.4	8.92	8.92	8.89
Transportation Equipment	68.0	68.0	59.1	580.18	584.89	541.37	45.9	46.2	43.8	12.64	12.66	12.36
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	30.0	30.0	21.6	615.37	622.17	577.98	48.8	49.3	46.8	12.61	12.62	12.35
Other Transportation Equip.	38.0	38.0	37.5	518.16	521.48	495.20	40.8	40.9	40.0	12.70	12.75	12.38
Instruments & Related Prod.	11.9	11.8	11.5	314.47	318.72	309.33	41.0	41.5	42.2	7.67	7.68	7.33
Misc. Mfg. Inds.	6.7	6.7	6.7	264.03	263.19	238.90	39.0	39.4	39.1	6.77	6.68	6.11
Nondurable Goods	181.8	181.6	178.2	317.88	319.93	305.31	39.1	39.4	38.5	8.13	8.12	7.93
Food & Kindred Products	44.8	44.9	45.0	374.75	378.29	350.40	41.5	41.8	40.0	9.03	9.05	8.76
Meat Products & Preserved Fruits and Vegetables	11.5	11.8	11.6	265.65	271.36	270.72	42.1	42.4	38.4	6.31	6.40	7.05
Dairy Products	6.4	6.3	6.4	417.69	424.57	333.26	45.9	45.8	39.3	9.10	9.27	8.48
Grain Mill Products	7.0	7.0	7.4	401.71	414.75	388.09	40.7	41.6	40.3	9.87	9.97	9.63
Bakery Products	5.8	5.7	5.5	384.05	374.30	368.39	38.1	38.0	37.9	10.08	9.85	9.72
Beverages	10.0	10.0	9.9	519.16	515.81	483.99	39.6	39.8	43.8	13.11	12.96	11.05

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	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Other Food & Kindred Prod.	4.1	4.1	4.2	389.16	392.08	371.45	41.4	41.8	42.5	9.40	9.38	8.74
Textile & Apparel	26.3	26.6	24.9	190.25	189.55	188.85	36.1	35.9	35.7	5.27	5.28	5.29
Paper & Allied Products	13.2	13.2	12.6	362.10	363.86	353.58	40.1	40.7	41.5	9.03	8.94	8.52
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.4	6.4	6.1	372.40	367.84	364.68	40.0	40.6	41.3	9.31	9.06	8.83
Other Paper & Allied Products	6.8	6.8	6.5	352.96	359.79	342.77	40.2	40.7	41.7	8.78	8.84	8.22
Printing & Publishing	37.4	37.4	36.9	361.95	362.88	345.54	38.1	37.8	37.6	9.50	9.60	9.19
Commercial Printing	12.4	12.3	11.8	423.20	425.91	414.96	39.7	39.4	39.9	10.66	10.81	10.40
Other Printing & Publishing	25.0	25.1	25.1	305.71	304.67	288.46	36.7	36.4	35.7	8.33	8.37	8.08
Chemicals & Allied Products	28.0	27.5	27.3	439.07	433.63	418.40	41.5	42.1	41.1	10.58	10.30	10.18
Leather & Leather Products	19.0	18.9	19.1	185.50	197.47	177.33	35.4	36.5	34.5	5.24	5.41	5.14
Footwear Exc. Rubber	15.0	14.8	14.9	182.85	192.42	174.41	35.3	35.9	34.4	5.18	5.36	5.07
Other Leather & Leather Prod.	4.0	4.1	4.2	195.99	216.89	186.69	35.7	38.8	34.7	5.49	5.59	5.38
Other Nondurable Goods	13.1	13.1	12.4	303.96	307.09	297.97	40.8	41.0	41.1	7.45	7.49	7.25
Total Nonmanufacturing	1544.1	1530.8	1530.8									
Mining	6.0	5.9	6.6									
Construction	76.7	73.2	75.2									
Transportation & Public Util.	135.6	135.3	132.3									
Railroad Transportation	13.1	13.1	13.2									
Transportation (Exc. R.R.)	66.1	65.8	66.3									
Communication, Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	56.4	56.4	52.8									
Wholesale & Retail Trade	462.0	456.8	458.6									
Wholesale Trade	126.0	127.7	125.3									
Retail Trade	336.0	331.1	333.3									
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	109.7	109.5	110.7									
Services	416.0	413.5	414.2									
Government	338.1	336.6	333.2									
Federal Government	70.4	70.0	69.0									
State & Local Government	267.7	266.6	264.2									

Prepared by the Missouri Division of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Estimates are based on monthly reports from cooperating establishments.

Data cover employees who worked or received pay for the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. The data exclude the self-employed, volunteers or unpaid family workers, and domestic workers. Payroll and hours data cover production and related workers in manufacturing.

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The factory workweek slipped back slightly from its near-record level of April, decreasing by two-tenths of an hour to 40.8 hours. This forced average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers down by $1.84 to $376.18, or 6.4 percent above the year-earlier level. Average hourly earnings remained unchanged at $9.22.

NATIONAL EDONOMIC CONDITIONS

The strength of economic recovery continues nearly unabated. Interest rates have been rising, and the boom-like conditions which now seem to be prevailing may increase the risk of increasing inflation.

After having held constant at 7.8 percent for the previous three months, the seasonally adjusted civilian unemployment rate dropped again to 7.5 percent in May, the lowest rate in nearly three years. Since the recovery began, unemployment has decreased by 3.4 million, with virtually all of the drop occurring among job losers.

Seasonally adjusted total employment was up by about 890,000 in May, bringing the total increase since the recovery began to about 5.7 million. May is also noteworthy as being the first month in which more than half of all adult women were employed.

OUTLOOK FOR MISSOURI

The seasonal decreases in Missouri unemployment are now over. June should bring with it the normal summer increase in unemployment as students and others enter the labor force, but there should be some easing in unemployment after June. The normal summer pattern also brings with it increased total employment in June.

TABLE 3. SELECTED ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELATED TO MANPOWER DEVELOPMENTS
MISSOURI – MAY, 1984

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1 Yr. Ago (Revised)	Net Change To Current Month From:	
				1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers)	2,405,600	2,397,900	2,373,000	7,700	32,600
Total Employed	2,235,000	2,206,500	2,132,700	28,500	103,300
Total Unemployed	170,600	191,400	241,300	-20,800	-70,700
Unemployment Rate (% of CLF)	7.1	8.0	10.2	-0.9	-3.1
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment Except Domestics (No. of Jobs)	1,963,200	1,948,600	1,927,100	14,600	36,100
Manufacturing	419,100	417,800	396,300	1,300	22,800
Durable Goods	237,300	236,200	218,100	1,100	19,200
Nondurable Goods	181,800	181,600	178,200	200	3,600
Nonmanufacturing	1,544,100	1,530,800	1,530,800	13,300	13,300
State Initial Claims (Wkly. Avg.)	6,572	7,165	8,528	-593	-1,956
State Insured Unemployment (Wkly. Avg.)	38,884	44,968	56,010	-6,084	-17,126
Insured Unemployment Rate	2.4	2.6	3.6	-0.2	-1.2
Exhaustions (State U.I.)	4,408	5,317	7,244	-909	-2,836
Amount of Benefits Paid	$12,075,873	$13,870,379	$19,408,010	-$1,794,506	-$7,332,137
State U.I.	11,793,090	13,555,037	19,057,448	-1,761,947	-7,264,358
UCFE	132,738	165,005	138,169	-32,267	-5,431
UCX	150,045	150,337	212,393	-292	-62,348

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KANSAS CITY LABOR MARKET REVIEW

The Kansas City Area includes Jackson, Clay, Cass, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson and Wyandotte counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the Area has been published at 1,327,020 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

MAY, 1984

FRANCIENA KING, ANALYST

The Area labor market continued to show improvement in May 1984. Employment reached its highest level since December 1979, and the unemployment rate dipped below the 6 per cent level for the first time in three years. Moderate growth in the civilian labor force of 2,700 persons, coupled with a substantial reduction in the number of unemployed, contributed to an increase of 6,800 in the number of employed persons from April 1984 to May 1984. Over the year, employment growth totaled 25,300, which represents an increase in the labor force of 5,600 and a reduction in the number of unemployed of 19,700. The 5.4 per cent May unemployment rate is nearly 3 percentage points below the May 1983 rate.

Wage and salaried employment in May 1984 was 627,500, up by 4,600 from the April 1984 total of 622,900. The most significant employment gains occurred in the nonmanufacturing sector. Of the 4,600 jobs gained over the month, 4,300 were registered in the seasonally oriented nonmanufacturing industries. Construction had the largest over-the-month increase with an additional 1,500 jobs, and retail trade gained 1,000 jobs. Services employment gained 800 jobs as a result of seasonal increases in hotels and recreational activity and increased activity in business services. The usual decline in government employment resulting from the layoff of federal tax processors was offset by an increase of 300 jobs in the local government sector. The improving economy produced an increase in finance, insurance and real estate employment, primarily in real estate. Activity in air transportation and the trucking industry produced employment increases in transportation. During the month, employment in manufacturing remained relatively stable. Durable goods manufacturing increased by 100 and nondurable goods manufacturing had a moderate gain of 200. Minor changes were recorded in printing and publishing, paper and allied, chemicals, stone, clay and glass, apparel and electrical equipment.

Wage and salaried employment increased by 16,100 from May 1983 to May 1984, with gains of 5,100 in durable goods manufacturing, 1,700 in nondurable goods manufacturing and 9,300 in nonmanufacturing. Only two manufacturing industries, primary metals and petroleum, showed 12-month losses and both of these were minor. Most manufacturing industries showed employment gains. Large gains were evident in transportation equipment, which grew by 1,800, electrical equipment, which gained 1,500, fabricated metals, which posted 1,000 additional jobs, printing and publishing, which was up by 800, and machinery, which grew by 600. In nonmanufacturing, construction (up by 3,600), services (up by 2,400) and finance, insurance and real estate (up by 1,000) accounted for more than 80 per cent of the total 12-month growth in jobs. Increased consumer spending contributed to the gain of 2,600 jobs in trade. Transportation and state and local government showed over-the-month growth, but were below May 1983 employment levels.

Total unemployment on a place-of-residence basis was 37,900 in May 1984 for 5.4 per cent of the labor force, compared to 42,000 in April 1984 for 6.1 per cent of the labor force and 57,600 in May 1983 for 8.3 per cent of the labor force.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT FORECAST

Larger than usual numbers of students and experienced workers will enter the labor force in June 1984 as a result of the improving economy and higher job expectations. An anticipated slowdown in the number of new jobs being created and reduced government job programs will produce a sharp rise in the June 1984 unemployment rate. Employment increases are expected in the seasonally related construction, trade and service industries. The improving economy will boost employment in transportation and finance and real estate. Seasonal layoffs and tax processors and school employees will produce lower government employment. Unemployment is expected to be 5.8 per cent of the labor force in June 1984, compared to 5.4 per cent in May 1984 and 8.3 per cent in June 1983.

The unemployment rate is expected to remain near the June level in July 1984. Higher employment expectations caused by the improving economy should prevent the normal July reduction in the labor force. Construction and services, the warm weather industries, should reach their highest employment levels of the year in July 1984. Increased summer travel activity is expected to boost retail trade, as well as transportation and services. Unemployment is expected to be 5.8 per cent of the labor force in July 1984, compared to 5.8 per cent in June 1984 and 8.3 per cent in July 1983.

KANSAS CITY AREA-
MISSOURI JOB SERVICE STATISTICS

Latest available data from the Employment Service Automated Reporting System (ESARS) indicated 38,058 applicants in the active file for Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area at the end of May 1984. Breakdowns of the figure according to applicant characteristics are as follows:

General Characteristics		Per Cent
Age:	Under 22	22.7
	22-44	61.4
	45 and over	15.9
Sex:	Male	61.4
	Female	38.6
Racial or Ethnic Group		
	Black	33.6
	Other Non-White	1.1
	Hispanic	2.1

Miscellaneous Characteristics	Per Cent
Unemployment Insurance Claimants	45.1
Veterans	21.2
Handicapped	2.6

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 91, dated May 31, 1984.

JOB PLACEMENTS

During May 1984, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 8,446 and job placements totaled 1,890. There were 1,220 veteran referrals in May 1984, with 297 veteran placements. During April 1984, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 7,813 and job placements 2,023. There were 1,583 veteran referrals in April 1984, with 415 veteran placements.

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 90, dated May 31, 1984.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN THE KANSAS CITY AREA (MISSOURI SIDE ONLY) MAY, 1984

Insured Unemployed by Age and Sex

Age	Male Per Cent	Female Per Cent	Total Per Cent
Under 25	16.5	18.1	17.1
25-34	38.4	33.5	36.3
35-44	20.0	20.6	20.3
45-54	13.1	14.9	13.9
55-64	10.8	10.7	10.7
65 and over	1.0	2.1	1.6
Unreported	0.2	0.1	0.1

Insured Unemployed by Industry (SIC)

Industry	Per Cent
Agriculture	0.4
Mining	0.2
Construction	9.8
Manufacturing	18.9
Transportation, Communications & Utilities	5.2
Wholesale & Retail Trade	21.1
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	3.8
Services	30.1
All Other	10.6
Information not available	0.0

Insured Unemployed by Occupation (DOT)

Occupation	Per Cent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	12.3
Clerical	20.5
Sales	5.3
Services	16.4
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	0.5
Processing	1.3
Machine Trades	5.2
Bench Work	4.4
Structural Work	9.9
Miscellaneous	15.0
Information not available	9.2

The number of insured unemployed counted for the above percentages was 7,241; 4,117 were male and 3,118 were female.

TABLE 1. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(Place of Work)
(BENCHMARK - March 1983)

Area and State Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas — Month and Year of Current Data May, 1984

Item	Number of jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salaried Employment	627,500	622,900	611,400	+4,600	+16,100
Total Manufacturing	115,500	115,200	108,700	+300	+6,800
Durable Goods	66,900	66,800	61,800	+100	+5,100
Lumber & Furniture	2,800	2,800	2,500	0	+300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,700	3,600	3,700	+100	0
Primary Metal Industries	3,600	3,600	3,700	0	-100
Fabricated Metal Products	9,500	9,500	8,500	0	+1,000
Machinery Except Electrical	8,500	8,500	7,900	0	+600
Electrical Equipment & Supplies	20,900	21,000	19,400	-100	+1,500
Transportation Equipment	14,300	14,300	12,500	0	+1,800
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(14,100)	(14,100)	(12,200)	(0)	(+1,900)
Other Durable Goods	3,600	3,500	3,600	+100	0
Nondurable Goods	48,600	48,400	46,900	+200	+1,700
Food & Kindred Products	9,300	9,300	9,200	0	+100
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2,500	2,600	2,300	-100	+200
Paper & Allied Products	5,100	5,000	4,800	+100	+300
Printing & Publishing	18,300	18,200	17,500	+100	+800
Chemicals & Allied Products	8,300	8,200	8,100	+100	+200
Petroleum & Coal Products	500	500	600	0	-100
Other Nondurable Goods	4,600	4,600	4,400	0	+200
Total Nonmanufacturing	512,000	507,700	502,700	+4,300	+9,300
Mining & Quarrying	600	500	500	+100	+100
Construction	24,100	22,600	20,500	+1,500	+3,600
Transportation & Utilities	50,100	49,700	50,300	+400	-200
Wholesale & Retail Trade	159,800	158,800	157,200	+1,000	+2,600
Wholesale Trade	(52,100)	(52,100)	(50,800)	(0)	(+1,300)
Retail Trade	(107,700)	(106,700)	(106,400)	(+1,000)	(+1,300)
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	48,400	48,100	46,600	+300	+1,800
Services	138,500	137,700	136,100	+800	+2,400
Government	90,500	90,300	91,500	+200	-1,000
Federal Government	(24,300)	(24,400)	(24,000)	(-100)	(+300)
State & Local Government	(66,200)	(65,900)	(67,500)	(+300)	(-1,300)
In Labor-Management Disputes	100	100	100	0	0

Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

TABLE 2. PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING

Area and State Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas — Month and Year of Current Data May, 1984

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$445.82	$433.65	$405.49	41.9	41.3	41.0	$10.64	$10.50	$9.89
DURABLE GOODS	486.49	466.91	434.66	42.9	41.8	41.2	11.34	11.17	10.55
Lumber & Furniture	340.17	332.42	306.54	42.1	41.5	39.2	8.08	8.01	7.82
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	514.60	470.26	454.06	41.4	38.8	39.9	12.43	12.12	11.38
Primary Metal Industries	458.14	456.55	451.62	40.4	40.8	38.6	11.34	11.19	11.70
Fabricated Metal Products	369.46	375.56	362.86	40.6	41.0	40.6	9.10	9.16	8.94
Machinery Exc. Electrical	410.55	406.24	391.61	39.1	38.8	39.2	10.50	10.47	9.99
Elect. Equip. & Supplies	436.18	438.60	409.94	41.9	42.5	41.2	10.41	10.32	9.95
Transportation Equipment	702.27	633.39	579.35	48.2	44.2	44.6	14.57	14.33	12.99
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	707.11	638.36	588.75	48.3	44.3	44.3	14.64	14.41	13.29
Other Durable Goods	263.30	252.07	225.67	41.4	38.9	37.8	6.36	6.48	5.97
NONDURABLE GOODS	373.46	374.63	356.06	40.2	40.5	40.6	9.29	9.25	8.77
Food & Kindred Products	406.26	415.42	410.78	42.9	44.1	43.7	9.47	9.42	9.40
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	191.45	197.12	190.82	35.0	35.2	35.6	5.47	5.60	5.36
Paper & Allied Products	374.24	371.78	346.53	40.9	40.9	41.5	9.15	9.09	8.35
Printing & Publishing	398.15	395.48	364.93	38.1	38.1	27.2	10.45	10.38	9.81
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	448.74	453.46	423.38	40.5	41.0	40.7	11.08	11.06	10.40
Petroleum & Coal Prod.	341.83	325.74	332.11	38.8	37.1	40.7	8.81	8.78	8.16
Other Nondurable Goods	280.73	283.83	289.94	41.9	42.3	43.6	6.70	6.71	6.65

*This series excludes industry 2771.
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ST. LOUIS LABOR MARKET REVIEW

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; and Clinton, Madison, Monroe and St. Clair Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,355,276 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

MAY, 1984

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AREA LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS

Significant improvement occurred in the St. Louis SMSA unemployment rate in May. This month's rate of 8.0% meant 9000 fewer area residents were unemployed in May than April when the rate stood at 8.8%. Employment increases in nonmanufacturing, agriculture, and self-employment all combined to cause the drop in unemployment and the increase of 12600 in employment. Total employment (1,072,700) is now at record high levels while unemployment, although still relatively high, is at its lowest point in 2½ years. Over the year, unemployment has declined by 33200. In May, 1983 the unemployment rate stood at 11.0%. Also during this one year period, employment increased by 49100 or +4.8%. All major employment sectors, including total manufacturing, have shown improvement since 1983. There were 400 labor disputants in May, 100 in April, and 100 in May, 1983.

MANUFACTURING

Manufacturing employment increased by 200 over the month. Motor vehicles and food each added 200 workers. Little or no change was registered by all other major industries. Over the year, manufacturing added 10700 workers. Almost all of this increase (+10,300) has occurred in the durable goods sector. Motor vehicles (+7300) and nonelectrical machinery (+1600) continue to register the largest number of workers added since 1973. The nondurables sector has increased only 400 over the year. Printing and publishing (+500) and other nondurables (+400) have added the most workers while food (-300), apparel (-200), and leather (-200) remain below their year ago levels.

NONMANUFACTURING

Nonmanufacturing employment increased by 8800 over the month. Construction employment continued to rise as 2900 more workers were added in May. Trade (+2700), services (+1500), and transportation (+700) also continued to register seasonal employment increases. Over the year, nonmanufacturing increased by 16100. Services, up 4900, has

now reached record high employment levels for the St. Louis area. Construction (+5300), trade (+4600), and transportation (+1200), although not yet reaching their 1979 pre-recession levels, continued to show significant improvement over 1983 levels.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND MANPOWER RESOURCES

State UI continued claimants in the SMSA were down 4700 in May from April, 1984. In the Missouri portion of the SMSA they were down 3300 and in the Illinois portion they were down 1400.

The distribution of weeks claimed by intrastate Missouri resident claimants by industry attachment is as follows:

Industry	Feb.	March	April	May
INA	2	2	2	2
Agriculture	129	144	67	20
Mining	34	55	35	25
Construction	3013	4106	2591	1343
Manufacturing Total	3614	3926	3285	3138
Food	548	556	422	384
Textile	29	26	35	30
Apparel	182	158	206	284
Lumber	44	37	39	27
Furniture	87	91	98	115
Paper	122	111	100	134
Printing	175	202	172	168
Chemicals	204	207	168	194
Petroleum	22	30	20	21
Rubber	87	123	103	104
Leather	187	341	234	244
Stone	80	97	74	53
Primary Metal	167	191	152	131
Fabricated Metal	442	437	376	326
Machinery	125	111	113	92
Electrical Machinery	253	248	231	169
Transportation Equip.	254	324	188	143
Instruments	56	39	33	24
Miscellaneous	549	594	520	495
Public Utilities	823	857	694	619
Wholesale & Retail tr.	2745	2890	2456	2218
Finance	337	378	342	299
Services	6173	6179	5342	5160
All Other	431	404	347	303
TOTAL	17301	18941	15161	13127

Of the 13,127 intrastate Missouri resident claimants in May, 1984, 55.2 percent were male and 44.8 percent were female.

The occupational distribution of the intrastate Missouri resident claimant is:

Weeks Claimed (Reference Week)

Occupation	Feb.	March	April	May
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	1774	1853	1696	1603
Clerical	2529	2693	2434	2397
Sales	770	790	705	636
Farm, Fish & Forest	275	262	146	8
Processing	287	301	228	229
Machine Trades	1184	1206	1025	931
Bench Work	724	749	759	739
Structural Work	2048	2571	1869	1228
Misc. Work	2191	2268	1833	1602
Domestic	55	78	55	57
Other Services	2871	2836	2393	2267
INA	2593	3334	2018	1350
TOTAL	17301	18941	15161	13127

Applications in file and placements made during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1983 are distributed as follows:

	Female	Vets	-22	Minority	HDCP
Apps. in file, %	45.2	15.4	22.9	39.3	2.4
Placements, %	43.1	14.5	37.1	31.7	2.4

AVAILABLE JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The occupational percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1984 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	Openings Received Percent	Openings Filled Percent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	5.0	2.4
Clerical	16.3	12.6
Sales	14.1	15.4
Processing	1.0	1.1
Machine Trades	5.1	5.0
Bench Work	4.0	4.5
Structural Work	8.4	9.9
Motor Freight & Transportation	2.5	2.4
Packaging & Material Handling	11.2	14.2
Domestic	1.1	1.1
Other Services	26.7	28.9
Other Occupations	4.7	2.5

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

The unemployment rate for June is expected to be 8.6% and in July 8.1%.

TABLE 1. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(Place of Work)

Area and State: St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area — Month and Year of Current Data: May, 1984

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change to Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total	1,014,900	1,005,900	988,100	+9,000	+26,800
Percent Change				+(0.9)	+(2.7)
Manufacturing	221,300	221,100	210,600	+200	+10,700
Durable Goods	138,300	138,200	128,000	+100	+10,300
Lumber & Furniture	4,400	4,500	4,300	-100	+100
Stone, Clay & Glass	32,00	3,100	3,400	+100	-200
Primary Metal Industries	14,800	14,900	14,100	-100	+700
Fabricated Metal Products	17,600	17,500	17,000	+100	+600
Machinery, Except Electrical	18,600	18,700	17,000	-100	+1,600
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	13,500	13,500	13,500	0	0
Transportation Equipment	54,000	53,900	46,500	+100	+7,500
Motor Vehicles	18,400	18,200	11,100	+200	+7,300
Aircraft & Parts	34,200	34,300	34,000	-100	+200
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	12,200	12,100	12,200	+100	0
Nondurable Goods	83,000	82,900	82,600	+100	+400
Food & Kindred Products	21,100	20,900	21,400	+200	-300
Meat Products	1,200	1,200	1,400	0	-200
Beverages	8,700	8,600	8,400	+100	+300
Textiles & Apparel	6,800	6,900	7,000	-100	-200
Paper & Paper Products	5,600	5,600	5,700	0	-100
Printing & Publishing	15,400	15,400	14,900	0	+500
Chemical & Allied Products	20,600	20,500	20,400	+100	+200
Petroleum & Coal Products	2,600	2,600	2,500	0	+100
Leather & Leather Products	5,600	5,700	5,800	-100	-200
Other Nondurable Goods	5,300	5,300	4,900	0	+400
Nonmanufacturing	793,600	784,800	777,500	+8,800	+16,100
Mining	3,500	3,400	3,300	+100	+200
Construction	47,700	44,800	42,400	+2,900	+5,300
Transportation & Public Utilities	72,000	71,300	70,800	+700	+1,200
Railroads	7,500	7,500	7,400	0	+100
Transportation, Except Railroads	36,600	36,000	35,600	+600	+1,000
Communications & Public Utilities	27,900	27,800	27,800	+100	+100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	234,500	231,800	229,900	+2,700	+4,600
Wholesale Trade	62,500	62,100	60,800	+400	+1,700
Retail Trade	172,000	169,700	169,100	+2,300	+2,900
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	59,600	59,600	60,000	0	-400
Service, Except Domestic	236,900	235,400	232,000	+1,500	+4,900
Total Government	139,400	138,500	139,100	+900	+300
Total Federal Government	37,700	37,400	37,200	+300	+500
Total State & Local Government	101,700	101,100	101,900	+600	-200
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	400	100	100	+300	+300

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TABLE 2. AVERAGE HOURS & EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING

Area and State: St. Louis Metropolitan Area — Month and Year of Current Data: May, 1984

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$439.30	$438.27	$405.22	41.6	41.7	40.2	10.56	10.51	10.08
DURABLE GOODS	466.71	465.66	421.65	42.7	42.8	40.7	10.93	10.88	10.36
Lumber & Furniture	324.01	325.20	287.98	40.1	40.0	38.5	8.08	8.13	7.48
Stone, Clay & Glass	418.95	351.10	401.57	39.9	35.5	38.1	10.50	9.89	10.54
Primary Metal Industries	486.75	477.96	431.27	42.4	42.0	39.1	11.48	11.38	11.03
Fabricated Metal Products	426.30	426.47	398.29	42.0	42.1	40.6	10.15	10.13	9.81
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	455.36	445.05	416.24	41.7	41.4	40.1	10.92	10.75	10.38
Elect. & Electronic Equip.	302.64	317.98	294.58	38.8	40.2	40.8	7.80	7.91	7.22
Transportation Equipment	587.08	594.02	545.24	46.3	46.7	43.0	12.68	12.72	12.68
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	289.18	288.32	288.64	38.0	38.7	38.9	7.61	7.45	7.42
NONDURABLE GOODS	389.87	393.02	379.60	39.5	39.9	39.5	9.87	9.85	9.61
Food & Kindred Products	468.40	470.74	449.43	40.0	40.2	42.2	11.71	11.71	10.65
Textiles & Apparel	209.99	207.65	191.95	37.7	38.1	34.4	5.57	5.45	5.58
Paper & Paper Products	408.70	418.77	389.58	41.2	42.3	41.8	9.92	9.90	9.32
Printing & Publishing	377.00	388.11	400.34	37.7	38.2	38.2	10.00	10.16	10.48
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	449.77	450.84	433.05	41.8	41.9	40.7	10.76	10.76	10.64
Petroleum & Coal Products	620.19	600.38	601.89	43.4	42.4	42.9	14.29	14.16	14.03
Leather & Leather Products	180.15	190.28	183.40	33.8	35.7	35.0	5.33	5.33	5.24
Other Nondurable Goods	311.55	313.96	291.33	40.2	40.2	39.0	7.75	7.81	7.47

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AREA LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS

The Springfield SMSA labor force decreased 1,200 from April to 114,000 in May. The area unemployment rate dropped five-tenths of a percentage point falling from 5.8 percent to 5.3 percent. The number of unemployed persons in May totaled 6,100, down 600 from April. The May rate of unemployment is lower than any month since August, 1981.

During May 1983, there were 9,200 persons unemployed and the rate of unemployment stood at 8.2 percent.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

Total payrolled employment fell 600 from April to 91,000 in May. This is the net result of a 200 gain in manufacturing jobs and a seasonal drop of 800 jobs in the nonmanufacturing sector. Small scattered increases occurred in both the durable and nondurable manufacturing segments. Nonmanufacturing industries recording significant changes in employment levels since April include: construction, up 100; transportation and utilities, down 100; trade, up 500; services, down 1,400; and government, up 100. The sizeable drop in services mostly reflects decreased employment in private educational institutions and is a seasonal reduction.

During the past year, significant employment increases are noted in manufacturing, construction, trade and services. State and local government fell 400 since May 1983.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers, estimated at $8.23, shows no change from April. An increase of nine cents per hour in nondurable goods manufacturing industries was offset by a decrease of eight cents per hour paid to workers in the durable segment.

Average weekly hours worked fell from 40.0 in April to 39.5 in May. This drop results mostly from less overtime worked during May.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

Overall nonagricultural wage and salaried employment is

TABLE 1. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(Place of Work)
(BENCHMARK- March, 1983)

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri — Month and Year of Current Data: May, 1984

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonag. Wage & Salary Employment (Exc. Domestics)	91,000	91,600	88,800	-600	+2,200
Manufacturing	19,300	19,100	18,000	+200	+1,300
Durable Goods	10,300	10,200	9,200	+100	+1,100
Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.)	900	900	800	0	+100
Other Durable Goods	9,400	9,300	8,400	+100	+1,000
Nondurable Goods	9,000	8,900	8,800	+100	+200
Food Processing	3,800	3,800	3,900	0	-100
Printing & Publishing	1,600	1,500	1,500	+100	+100
Other Nondurable Goods	3,600	3,600	3,400	0	+200
Nonmanufacturing	71,700	72,500	70,800	-800	+900
Mining	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	3,300	3,200	3,000	+100	+300
Transportation & Utilities	5,900	6,000	6,000	-100	-100
Trade	25,700	25,200	24,800	+500	+900
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	0
Services	20,900	22,300	20,700	-1,400	+200
Government	12,000	11,900	12,400	+100	-400
Federal	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
State and Local	10,400	10,300	10,800	+100	-400
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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expected to record a moderate seasonal decrease from May to June. This will be caused by a reduction in the number of employees at state and local schools during the summer months.

Upward pressure exerted on the rate of unemployment by students entering the job market in June will probably be more than off-set by the somewhat favorable economy. A slight drop in the percentage of unemployed is plausible.

TABLE 2. GROSS AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

Area and State Springfield, Missouri — Month and Year of Current Data May, 1984

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X
Manufacturing	$325.09	$329.20	$323.18	39.5	40.0	39.8	$8.23	$8.23	$8.12
Durable Goods	309.68	317.60	323.21	39.4	40.0	40.1	7.86	7.94	8.06
Nondurable Goods	342.81	348.87	323.08	39.0	40.1	39.9	8.78	8.70	8.20
Food & Kindred Products	382.94	401.12	346.93	41.0	43.6	40.2	9.34	9.20	8.63
Other Nondurable Goods	319.12	320.88	317.20	37.9	38.2	40.0	8.42	8.40	7.93

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